

Village of Los Lunas



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Downtown Sewer Project Started; Watch for Traffic Changes in the Area

The second phase of the Village's Downtown Sewer Project has begun. The one-year \$3,028 million project means improvements to sewer lines in one of the oldest areas of the village and an area critical to gross receipts tax revenue.

The first phase will be to create a bypass sewer line to facilitate sewerage collection in the South Los Lentes area. This involves the Huning Lateral Ditch so must be done before March 1 when water begins flowing again in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District ditches.

Some of the streets involved are Luna Avenue from Main Street south to Courthouse and north to Coronado; Coronado from Luna to Don Diego; all of Don Diego and Cortez; Santa Fe; and Saiz.

Most of the lines in these areas are at least forty years old and are located in one of the main business districts and where the Valencia County Courthouse is located.

Major work will be done at the intersections of Main Street and Don Diego as well as Main Street

and Luna. Traffic congestion will be likely as one or more lanes of traffic must be closed.

Village Utilities Director Betty Behrend urges drivers, and even walkers, to watch for signs indicating changes in traffic patterns and/or lane closures.



Well Number Six Started

Work has begun on Well Number Six and the corresponding line work. Here dirt is moved in front of Luna Hill on a sunny January day. See story on the well and line Page 3.

Village Wellness Center Expanding to Fit Area's Needs

By this summer the new addition to the Village's Wellness Center will be completed and open for business on Lambros Loop on the east side of Los Lunas.

The 2,625 square foot addition includes five offices, a pharmacy and a group room that can be sectioned off into two smaller rooms as well as bathroom facilities that are American Disabilities Act compliant.

Molzen Corbin & Associates designed the addition and it is being constructed by LAV Construction & Septic after the company was

awarded the bid for construction at \$286,000

A Community Development Block Grant is paying for the addition.

The addition is connected to the original Wellness Center by a hallway so that the two buildings have a common reception area. That reception area means visitors enter through one area and can be screened.

Among the programs which will use the new addition are the Court Appointed Special Advocates who deal with children in courtroom

situations and a juvenile drug monitoring program.

Members of the Boy Scouts and Alcoholics Anonymous groups use space in the Wellness Center for their meetings as do other groups. Birthing classes are also held in the facility.

The Wellness Center is part of the Community Services Department, a multifaceted branch of Los Lunas Village Government. Other components of the department include the Driving While Intoxicated and Employee Assistance

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West Main Street Changes Include Medians, New Traffic Light

The opening of Home Depot and Wal-Mart on Northwest Main Street in Los Lunas has resulted in changes on Main Street which were designed by the State Highway Department.

Main Street is also New Mexico Highway 6 which makes it a state road subject to improvements by the State Highway Department rather than by the Village.

New medians direct the flow of traffic on Main Street near the Home Depot and Wal-Mart so that drivers can safely access those businesses and businesses which might open in the future.

"To allow people to make left turns anywhere in the area of this new development," said Kathy Trujillo of the Highway Department, "would adversely impact the safety and operation on that roadway."

The goal of the highway department in making the changes was to create the best access without impacting on the flow of the east-west traffic on Highway 6, added Trujillo.

A new traffic light will be in place at the intersection of Main Street and Los Cerritos within the next few months. Los Cerritos is used by people attending high school or events held at the high school and is the entry way for a subdivision which has grown considerably in the last few years.

With the development of the property west of Los Cerritos, the developer, the State Highway Department and the Village have banded together to have the light installed sooner than might have occurred otherwise.

Road Work Continues

Three village streets will be reworked this spring thanks to the village's co-op money received through the State Highway Department. They are Wittwer Court, Doris Place and Baca Court.

Improvements will continue to south Los Lentos this summer as the road is widened with sidewalks and estate curbs from Adobe Lane to approximately Trujillo Road.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo *Charles Griego*

Gerard Saiz *Robert Vialpando*

Municipal Judge *Jeff Aragon*

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo **Master Municipal Clerk**

Chief of Police *Nick Balido*

114 Homes Built in Village in 2002; Commercial Construction Continues

Village Building Inspector Adolph Lopez reports that 114 new homes were constructed in the village limits in 2002.

Homes were primarily built in Los Cerritos, Sun Ranch and Villa de la Rosa neighborhoods. Homes were also constructed in Tabet Vista, Valley View and Luna Hills areas.

The three busiest months for issuing residential permits were April, August and September with 14, 25 and 13 permits issued respectively.

Since 1995 the village has issued 1,191 residential permits — 148 in 1995; 145 in 1996; 147 in 1997; 182 in 1998; 143 in 1999; 71 in 2000; and 110 in 2001.

Large commercial construction in 2002 included Home Depot and Wal-Mart Supercenter, both of which did not open until January, 2003. However, several other medium-sized stores opened in renovated buildings before the 2002 Holiday Season concluded.

Area stores of every size reported shoppers both browsing and buying during the holiday season.

Luna Hills Correspondence Continues

The village is responding to concerns expressed by the Environmental Improvement Agency regarding the Luna Hills project. The project has been put on hold after comments were sent to the EPA by a neighborhood association. The village's response should be completed by the end of February. Visit the village's website for up-to-date information about this project (see story Page 3 on website).

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programs.

Funding for the Community Services Department comes from a variety of sources including grants and the village budget.

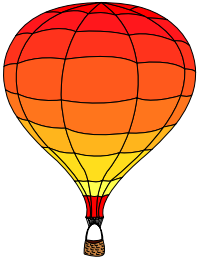
The village transportation program is also currently housed in the Wellness Center. The transportation program runs regular routes as well as answering On-Demand calls. Vans take riders to the University of New Mexico Valencia Campus, medical appointments across the Valley and to jobs.

The Village of Los Lunas sponsors the transportation program but anyone can use the vans for their transportation. The village budget supports the program with funds matched to grants as required to maintain the program.

The Community Services Department can be reached at 866-8041. The transportation program at 866-8047.

“Welcome to the Village of Los Lunas” Provides Myriad of Information on the Web

The title to the village’s website is surrounded by balloons, a sight seen at the Saint Patrick’s Day Balloon Rallye. We thought we’d keep with that theme by surrounding this story with balloons.



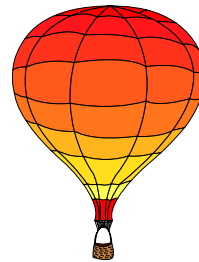
Do you surf the Web? If you do then you need to investigate the Village’s website! If you don’t regularly surf the web then it is even more reason to find a way to investigate that website! The village’s website gives you a wealth of information plus an

easy way to get forms and keep up to date on a variety of events and news.

First, lest we forget to pass this on, here is the address www.ci.los-lunas.nm.us.

The opening page of the site includes an over-all view of the municipality, information about what’s new in the Village and updates on current issues. There is also list of additional pages which can be investigated. These pages include Governing Bodies; Departments; Agenda, Minutes & Municipal Codes; General Information; Economic Development; Legal Notices; Forms and Applications; and Special Events.

General Information includes a brief history of the village, area statistics, local government composition,



and tidbits about the Los Lunas Public Schools and the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus as well as private schools. General information also features special occurrences in the village such as the Summer Youth Cleanup and the Youth Conservation Corps.

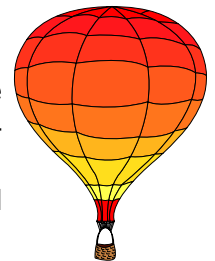
Ever wondered what might have happened in the village over the last decades? Minutes from Village Council meetings from 1942 to the present are available under the Agenda, Minutes and Municipal Codes page. They make for interesting reading especially if you are curious how the village has grown from a population of 1,000 in 1970 to slightly over 10,000 when the 2000 census was taken.

If you are looking for a building permit or a business license application, both are available on the Website under Online Forms and Applications.

Never had the opportunity to attend a council meeting or even community meeting in the village’s council chambers? Then you can see what the room looks like on the introduction page of the Meeting Schedules and Agendas Page.

Agendas for the Village Council meetings are on the web before each meeting (see separate story on the last page about meeting dates). Recreational events in the village can be found on the site also.

Become a web surfer — check out the village’s site. You’ll be surprised at what you find!



Village’s Well Number Six Now Under Construction

Work is ongoing on the village’s Well Number Six on the east side of Interstate 25 and south of the Tabet Vista subdivision on the west mesa.

Underground Contractors of Albuquerque was awarded the project with a bid price of \$2.25 million for installation of the well along with a storage tank and additional water lines.

Village Utilities Director Betty Behrend said, “Well Six will give the village backup for Well Four which is the farthest well and is located north of the Tiger Tank on the east side of I-25.”

Well Six will include a 1500-gallon-a-minute well, a well house, a booster pump station and a 30,000-gallon pump control tank. The booster pump will pump water out of the tank, under the interstate and then north on the west side of the interstate.

At the Sun Ranch drainage pond a connection to the village water system will be made and then the line will travel west along Highway 6 to village Tank Five.

A new 1.5 million-gallon water tank will be constructed where Tank Five is located. The addition of this tank will provide extra flow for additional fire protection to the Luna Hills area and provide additional storage.

“The new storage is needed for more fire protection,” said Behrend. “As the village grows, it becomes more important to have additional protection.”

The north water loop will consist of 6,205 feet of 18-inch transmission line providing backup for the water system. “It adds to the reliability of the system,” said Behrend. “It makes it more flexible. We can schedule maintenance which we couldn’t do before so that the system continues to provide water to the citizens.”

Attend a Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice monthly at the administrative building on Don Pasqual and Main Street. Times and dates are subject to change. Call Debra at 865-9689 to verify. Remaining scheduled 2003 meetings:

February 13 & 27 March 13 & 27
April 10 & 24 May 8 & 22
June 5 & 9 July 10 & 24
August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18
October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20
December 11 & 18

2003 HOLIDAYS

OBSERVED AT THE VILLAGE

Good Friday Friday, April 18
Memorial Day Monday, May 27
Fourth of July Friday, July 4
Labor Day Monday September 1
Columbus Day Monday, October 13
Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday/Friday, November 27 & 28

Christmas Holidays

Thursday/Friday, December 25 & 26

If your garbage pickup is one of these days then it will probably be changed.



SAINT PATRICK'S BALLOON RALLYE

Saturday & Sunday March 15 & 16

LAUNCH TIME 7 AM — WEATHER PERMITTING

MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS, FOOD AND LOTS OF HOT AIR BALLOONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT AT 865-2128.

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Bring Your Children to An Egg Hunt

Two Separate Hunts! Two Separate Age Groups!

Friday, April 11, 2003

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PARK

AT NOON

AT 4 PM

AGES ONE TO FIVE YEARS

AGES SIX TO 11 YEARS

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Parks & Recreation Department 865-2128

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